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# Reinterpretation of the mechanical reinforcement of polymer nanocomposites reinforced with cellulose nanorods

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**Table S1: Fitting parameters used in the calculations for the model predictions.**

Polymer	CNC types (aspect ratio)	$E_r$ (GPa)	$\Delta E_r$ (GPa)	$E_r - E_s$ (GPa)
Eo-EPI ( $E_s = 3.2$ MPa)	tCNC ( $A = 76$ )	6.4	0.40	6.40
	cCNC ( $A = 11$ )	0.3	0.05	0.24
Epoxy ( $E_s = 16$ MPa)	tCNC ( $A = 84$ )	26.5	2.22	26.54
	cCNC ( $A = 11$ )	6.0	1.03	6.01
PVA ( $E_s = 840$ MPa)	tCNC ( $A = 84$ )	80.0	1.03	79.10
	cCNC ( $A = 11$ )	15.4	6.11	14.59
PVAc ( $E_s = 1.4$ MPa)	tCNC ( $A = 84$ )	9.4	2.6	9.3
	cCNC ( $A = 11$ )	0.7	0.2	0.68

**Table S2: Evaluated parameters with current approach.**

Polymers	$E_{\text{glassy}}$ (GPa)	$E_r$ (GPa) for High A	$E_r$ (GPa) Low A	$\alpha$ (High A)	$\alpha$ (Low A)
EO-EPI	3	6.4	0.34	0.64	0.9
Epoxy	1.6	26.55	6.03	0.72	1.34
PVA	7.5	79.93	15.4	0.83	1.53
PVAc	1.7	9.35	0.72	0.78	1.12